Post lying vacant in different departments

1292. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

(a) whether it is a fact that many top posts in different Departments of her Ministry are lying vacant and are looked after by persons on *ad hoc* basis;

(b) the details of Groups 'A' posts with designations lying vacant in various Departments of her Ministry;

(c) the date from which each post is lying vacant; and

(d) the reasons for not filling the posts?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Circulation of newspapers and magazines

1293. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 340 newspapers and magazines, out of 33170 published in India, got their circulation audited and amongst daily newspapers only 305 got their circulation audited while their number was 3090 during the last year;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the action being taken in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for non-auditing of the circulation of most of the newspapers and magazines?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Circulation verification for Newpapers and periodicals registered with Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) is not mandatory. However, it is necessary for those Newspapers and periodicals which are on Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity's (DAVP)'s, panel for release of Government Advertisements. Such verification could be done by RNI, Audit Bureau of Circulation or a Chartered Accountant (for certain categories) in terms of the advertising policy. RNI also verifies circulation claims of newspapers for